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SUBJ: ORENTATION/TRAINING TOUR - UAE

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1. DCM CALLED MAJ GEN AWAD KHALDI, CHIEF OF STAFF UAE ARMED FORCES, APRIL 23 TO EXPLAIN PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PROGRAM OF UAE ORIENTATION/TRAINING TOUR. KHALDI TOOK NEWS WELL AND SAID THAT HE WOULD INDEED LIKE TO SEE ONE DAY PROGRAM AT FT. KNOX ADDED TO END OF PROGRAM. WHILE FT. BENNING WAS MORE IMPORTANT FROM STANDPOINT OF UAE NEEDS, KHALDI TERMED FT. KNOX AS ALSO BEING "VERY IMPORTANT". EMBASSY THEREFORE URGES THAT PROPOSED ADDITION TO MADE AS PER PARA 4 REFTTEL.

2. IT WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR ESCORT OFFICER TO EXPLAIN THESE CHANGES TO TOUR GROUP ONCE IT
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ARRIVES. EMBASSY TRIED TO CONTACT COL. MUHAMMAD SAID AL-BADI, SENIOR MEMBER OF GROUP STILL IN COUNTRY, TO EXPLAIN SITUATION BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS. PERHAPS GEN KHALDI WILL SEE HIM AND PASS ALONG MESSAGE, BUT IT QUITE POSSIBLE THAT GROUP WILL ARRIVE IN US WITHOUT KNOWING OF THIS CHANGE. PARTICULARLY SINCE THERE IS ALREADY FEELING THAT TOUR IS A LONG

ONE (THERE WAS SOME LAST MINUTE TALK OF DROPPING
FT. SILL BUT IN END THEY DECIDED TO KEEP IT IN),

IT WILL BE IMPORTANT NOT ONLY TO EXPLAIN WHY CHANGE

REQUIRED, BUT TO POINT OUT THAT FT. KNOX BEING ADDED
AT END WITH SPECIFIC CLEARANCE OF GEN KHALDI WHO
FELT SUCH VISIT "IMPORTANT". EVEN WITH THIS EXPLAINA-
TION, POSSIBILITY OF SOME GRUMBLING EXISTS. OBVIOUSLY,
WE DO NOT WISH TO FORCE ANYTHING ON GROUP AND ESCORT
OFFICER WILL HAVE TO USE HIS BEST JUDGEMENT ON HOW
TO HANDLE SITUATION.

3. EMBASSY WISHES TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR EFFORTS
OF ALL CONCERNED TO KEEP FT. BENNING ON SCHEDULE.
IN END THERE MAY BE ADVANTAGE TO CHANGE IN THAT
GROUP WILL HIT BENNING EARLIER, BEFORE POSSIBLE
FATIGUE SETS IN. GOOD PROGRAM THERE WILL MAKE UP
FOR MOST PROBLEMS LATER, SHOULD SUCH OCCUR.
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